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| Applicants: David F. Reuter et al.    | )                             |
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| Title: FAILSAFE OPERATION OF A HYBRID | )                             |
| BRAKE SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE            | ) Confirmation No. 6125       |

**ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse the invention(s) of Claim Group I, currently consisting of claims 1-27 drawn to a hybrid brake apparatus and method. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims for any nonelected inventions or invention species through divisions or continuations of the present application.

Should there be any questions regarding this election, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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